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Cromwell Advertisements



THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

E. L. begs to inform the public of Cromwell that he has purchased the business of Mr Thompson, and trusts by strict attention to business, and the execution of all work placed in his hands in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to secure the continuance of the support accorded his predecessor.

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CROMWELL HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentlemen will find this the most convenient house to put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and attached to the establishment is a magnificent Billiard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts, Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dunedin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

M R MANDERS,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Company (capital Two Millions).

W. H. WHEATER,
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which attention is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

PAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

GINGERBEER & CORDIALS.

TO THE INHABITANTS
OF THE
CROMWELL DISTRICT.

THE Undersigned begs leave to intimate to the public that he is prepared to supply them with GINGERBEER and CORDIALS, of a superior description, and at prices to defy competition.

GINGERBEER..... 3s. PER DOZ.
CORDIALS..... 20s. PER DOZ.

Encourage Local Industry, and Patronise

JOHN M. KELLY.

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JUNCTION
COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER,

PROPRIETOR.

IN returning thanks for past favors, begs to announce that neither trouble nor expense have been spared to render the above establishment second to none upon the Goldfields.

Being situated in the very centre of the town, it affords every convenience for Commercial Travellers and others visiting the Cromwell district.

The Bedrooms, Private Parlors, &c., Are fitted up with every regard to comfort and convenience.

The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

Extra attention has been bestowed upon the STABLING DEPARTMENT, and as it has been placed under the management of an experienced groom, the public may rely upon every care being taken of horses.

Smithfield Butchery Company.



OWEN PIERCE (late of St. Bathias) having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY the Butchery Business lately carried on by him in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a position to supply the best description of meat at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business, and keeping meat of the very best quality, to obtain a share of public support.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

WILLIAM BARNES,
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,
(Late of Addlestone, Surrey)

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is now carrying on the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

SHAMROCK STORE,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION
MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district, free of charge.

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KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrola and Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

DAVID WEAVER,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

D. WEAVER begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding Districts that having bought the Premises lately occupied by Mr DAVID BOOTH, he has now on hand an assorted STOCK OF NEW GOODS,

Consisting of
Wines and Spirits, Groceries, Drapery,
Boots, &c. &c.,

of the best qualities; and trusts, by strict attention to business, and moderate prices, to merit a share of public patronage.

CROMWELL.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail),

JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Ham, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

[A CARD.]

DR. JAMES CORSE,
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May be consulted daily at his residence,

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CROMWELL.

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R. F. BADGER,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.



New Line of

ROYAL MAIL COACHES

BETWEEN

Queenstown and Clyde.

R. W. DANIEL begs to intimate that he has started his new line of Coaches between Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown, leaving Clyde on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; and Queenstown on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Cunnard's Line of People's Coaches:

DAILY CONVEYANCE

TO AND FROM

LOGANTOWN, BENDIGO GULLY REEFS,

AND

CROMWELL.

JOHN CUNNARD

Begs to announce that he is now running a TWO-HORSE CONVEYANCE

BETWEEN

LOGANTOWN AND CROMWELL,

Leaving Logantown

EVERY MORNING, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK;
Returning from Goodger's Junction Hotel at 3.30 p.m.

Parties residing at the Reefs will thereby be enabled to spend at least six hours in Cromwell, and return to the Reefs the same evening.

FARES.

Each way 10s.
To and from 15s.

JOHN CUNNARD,
Proprietor.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra, and Clyde districts that we have appointed

L HALLENSTEIN & CO.,
CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk-dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,
Brunswick Flour Mills,
Lake Wakatipu.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Melbourne, Queenstown, Arrowtown, & Cromwell.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of CROMWELL and surrounding districts to our

Large and well-selected Stock,

Which is specially suitable to supply their wants. Each Department will be found complete, and assorted with every requirement.

General Drapery (comprising all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets)

Men's and Boys' Clothing—Carpets—Tents

English and Colonial Boots, Shoes, &c.

Ironmongery—Timber and Building Materials, all kinds

Tinware—Crockery—Lamps and Glassware—Oils and Paints

Furniture—Stationery—Fancy and Tobacconists' Goods—Medicines

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Produce, consisting of Wakatipu Flour, Bran, Pollard, Oats, Chaff, &c.

Bendigo Gully, Lowburn, &c.

WELCOME HOME HOTEL
AND STORE,

LOWBURN,

About three miles from Cromwell, on the road to the Bendigo Reefs.

JOHN PERRIAM . . . PROPRIETOR.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

OPENING
OF THE**ROCKY POINT FERRY.**

The large and well-furnished PUNT in connection with the above Ferry being now COMPLETED, the undersigned has great pleasure in informing the public that he is in a position to cross the heaviest Six-horse Waggon, and Vehicles of all descriptions, at VERY MODERATE RATES.

Persons visiting Bendigo Gully on horseback can be crossed at this Ferry at the reasonable charge of 1s. 6d.; Foot Passengers, 6d.

JOHN MCCORMICK.

WAKEFIELD FERRY HOTEL,
ROCKY POINT.

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beers kept in stock.

Good accommodation for travellers.

* District Post Office. *

THE WAKEFIELD FERRY

Is the best and safest crossing-place on the Clutha River, and is on the direct road to the Bendigo Reefs.

The Punt and Boats are worked by careful and experienced boatmen, and the heaviest waggons can be crossed at any time with perfect safety.

MITCHINSON & HARRISON,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,

(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),

BENDIGO.

GOODS DELIVERED

At all parts of the Reefs.

REEFERS' ARMS HOTEL,
Logantown.

JAMES BEARE PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most comfortable in the district.

GOOD STABLING,

GENERAL STORE attached to the Hotel, with a large and varied stock of Groceries and other goods.

CROMWELL PRICES.

MERCER'S

TEMPERANCE RESTAURANT,

LOGANTOWN,

BENDIGO REEFS.

The only establishment on Bendigo where Travellers can depend on getting MEALS AT ALL HOURS, in quietness and comfort.

The house is conducted strictly on TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES.

The Restaurant is under the immediate management of Mrs. MERCER, and visitors may rest assured that every attention will be paid to their wants.

In order to keep pace with the increasing requirements of the township, the proprietor is about to make extensive improvements on the premises, and will shortly be in a position to offer excellent SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION to Boarders and Travellers.

Charges very moderate.
FRANCIS MERCER,
Proprietor.

BENDIGO GULLY REEFS.

OLD BENDIGO HOTEL

AND

STORES.

SMITH & O'DONNELL.

* Miners and Travellers can have first-class accommodation, and may obtain every information respecting the locality.

Good Stabling; Horse-feed always on hand.

New Stone Premises are now being erected.

Bendigo Gully

AI BAKERY, { LOGANTOWN,
BENDIGO GULLY.

J. STEVENSON

Has much pleasure in informing the Residents of the BENDIGO GULLY DISTRICT that he is now prepared to SUPPLY them with

BREAD OF THE BEST QUALITY,

At their own residences, Daily.

FOUR-POUND LOAF, ONE SHILLING.

A choice assortment of Biscuits and CONFECTIONERY always kept in stock.

Kawarau Gorge

DIGGER'S REST HOTEL,

KAWARAU GORGE,

NICHOLAS CAMPION,

Proprietor.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

STABLING.

SLICER'S ARMS HOTEL,

KAWARAU GORGE,

JOHN WRIGHTSON,

Proprietor.

Good Accommodation for Travellers.

GOOD STABLING. Three Loose Boxes, second to none.

BILLIARDS.

Queenstown

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,

(Corner of Beach and Rees streets),

QUEENSTOWN.

W. M'LARN PROPRIETOR.

The above Hotel continues to keep up its reputation as one of the most comfortable in the Wakatipu district. The best accommodation for visitors and boarders.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

The only paddock accommodation in the district.

The Pioneer of Sipping Drinks.

QUEENSTOWN SHOEING FORGE.

J. BRIDGE,

General Blacksmith and Farrier,

REES STREET, QUEENSTOWN.

First-rate Stabling: good Oaten Hay.

HORSES FOR HIRE.

QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,

QUEENSTOWN.

A. EICHARDT PROPRIETOR.

Private Rooms for Families.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

* A large and commodious STABLE, capable of accommodating twenty horses, has recently been completed, and has been pronounced by all who have visited the district as second to none in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.

Booking Office for Cobb & Co.'s Line of Coaches.

WAKATIP SAW MILLS.

J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.,

TIMBER MERCHANTS,

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Every description of SAWN TIMBER constantly on hand, at FRANKTON and QUEENSTOWN.

ROBERT BOYNE,

GENERAL STOREKEEPER

AND NEWS AGENT,

Queenstown, Lake Wakatip.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

Bannockburn

GLADSTONE COAL WORKS,

BANNOCKBURN AND ADAMS'S GULLY.

The undersigned beg to intimate that they continue to supply COAL of the very best quality at 32s. per ton, delivered in Cromwell or at Kawarau Gorge.

From the Pit in Adams's Gully, Coal of exceedingly good quality is now being supplied to residents at Bannockburn, at moderate prices.

NICHOLAS & CO.,

Proprietors.

STUART'S FERRY,

KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

THE FERRY HOTEL,

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL AND STORE,
Doctor's Flat, Bannockburn,
(On the main road to the Nevis).
JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.
Groceries and Household Requisites
Of all descriptions kept in stock
The Goods, being obtained direct from Dunedin, are retailed at CROMWELL PRICES.

SHEPHERD'S CREEK

HOTEL AND STORE,

BANNOCKBURN,

On the main road to the Nevis, 4½ miles from

Cromwell.

J. Halliday, Proprietor.

An experienced Baker kept on the premises.

Wines, Spirits, and malt liquors of the best quality.

Ginger Beer and Cordial Manufacturer.

District Post Office.

ANDREW HAMILTON,
ARTIST.

* Drawings of Houses, Vessels, Animals, &c. executed in black lead pencil or water colors.

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PENCIL DRAWINGS, from £1 1s.
WATER COLOR do „ £5 5s.

N.B.—The higher charges are not made according to size, but according to the amount of labor required to produce the picture.

Clyde

MR. ANTHONY BROUGH,

BARRISTER,

SOLICITOR, & CONVEYANCER.

Office, CLYDE.

PAPERHANGINGS,

A LARGE and elegant stock of PAPERHANGINGS at

AUCKLAND'S

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE,

and at WRIGHT'S, Cromwell.

Five Thousand Pieces of Newest Patterns, at Prices to Suit the Million.

Flock and Gold Papers in Endless Variety.

Glass, Oils, Colours, Paints, and Varnishes.

Reduced Prices.

Come and See. You're Bound to Buy.

MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE,

M. MARSHALL,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS-
VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a small advance upon English prices.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, PROPRIETOR.

This well-known hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of Travellers and Boarders, and the Proprietor begs to assure the public that no effort will be spared on his part to maintain the favourable reputation the house has already acquired.

A range of STABLING is in course of erection, which, when completed, will be second to none out of Dunedin; and travellers may rely upon every care being taken of horses baited at the Port Philip Stables.

JAMES HAZLETT,

WHOLESALE STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

SUNDERLAND-STREET,

CLYDE.

The largest and best-selected Stock of

WINES,

SPIRITS,

GROCERIES,

PROVISIONS.

Packers Supplied at Lowest Rates.

* Agent for Marshall & Copeland's BEER, in Bulk and Bottle.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

R. BARLOW,

PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,

AND

MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

CLYDE.

Has now on hand a choice and varied assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English, French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very choice selection of English & Colonial JEWELLERY, consisting of

Gold Scarf Pins
Lockets
Chains

Brooches
Ear-rings
Guards

Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals, Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the newest designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned & repaired.

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!

From the DEEP CREEK KILNS.

I. HALLENSTEIN & Co.,

Agents for the Cromwell District.

VULCAN HOTEL, ST. BATHANS,

SAMUEL HANCOCK, Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers.

Always on hand—Wines, Spirits, and Ales of the best quality.

BILLIARD TABLE.—GOOD STABLING.

BLACKSMITH'S SHOP adjoining. Horses shod on the shortest notice.

Alexandra

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL,

ALEXANDRA.

J. H. MASON PROPRIETOR.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling, and Loose Boxes.

* One of Alcock and Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD TABLES.

ALEXANDRA TIMBER YARDS

WILLIAM BERESFORD,

BUILDER AND UNDERTAKER,

ALEXANDRA.

W. B. MARTIN
WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER,

MAIN STREET ALEXANDRA

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned and repaired.

ON SALE,

A large assortment of Chains, Brooches, Messing Pipes, &c.

BACK CREEK BAKERY

BROADWAY, ALEXANDRA.

P. CALDER.

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER.

Mixed Fancy Biscuits made to order from 10s to 1s per pound.

A. JACK'S

CRITERION FAMILY & COMMERCIAL

HOTEL,

ALEXANDRA.

Livery and Bait Stables.—Loose Boxes, Coach house, &c.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Nevis

NEVIS CROSSING HOTEL
AND STORE,

(About five miles from the Nevis Township).

The undersigned, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him since commencing business, begs to intimate that he continues to keep a large and well-selected stock of SPIRITS, WINES, and GROCERIES of the very best description.

Goods regularly delivered throughout the surrounding district.

CHARLES KORLL.

BRITISH STORES

Nevis.

EDWARD THOMPSON,

NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS HOTEL

AND STORE,

NEVIS.

A large and well-selected stock of GROCERIES of all descriptions constantly on hand.

Goods delivered throughout the surrounding district on the shortest notice.

* A commodious BILLIARD ROOM is now in course of erection, and will shortly be furnished with one of Alcock & Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD TABLES.

The best accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling.

R. PRITCHARD,

Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,

ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district.

A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c.

Agent for T. ROBINSON & Co., Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

Connecticut Corpulences.

THE FAT MEN'S PIC-NIC AT NORWALK.

The second annual gathering of the Fat Men of the World was held at Gregory's Point, Norwalk (U.S.) on Friday, 20th August last. The following racy description of the event is given by the "special correspondent" of the *New York World*:—

"Here is, indeed, richness!"

Fancy to yourself 25,373 lbs. of fellow-being done up in 140 packages, varying in weight, from the puny infant of 197 lbs.—who vainly hoped to eat clams enough to raise him to 200 lbs., but who was cut off in the blossom of his sin, and weighed before dinner—to the full-grown Frisk, by no means the junior of that ilk, who weighs 358 lbs.; but striking an average of a trifle over 220 lbs.

Sing, Muse, the secret sources of this avalanche of adipoceration. Last year it entered into the head of some mute tinguorous Barnum of this primeval Arcadia to organise a clam-bake of fat men. The minimum of fatness was fixed at 200 lbs. To this gathering, thus fixed, wended and waddled, few and fat, but fearless still, not the bone and sinew perhaps, but the adipose tissue of Norwalk and its vicinity. They came on waggon constructed expressly for steam boilers and their noble selves; they broke down the springs of trucks; they were conveyed in steamers fitted each for a fat man. They came in every way except on foot, for they could not run Norwalk.

The meeting was not numerous, but it had weight. The fattest man in it was Mr G. Sydney Smith, who weighed 318 lbs., I believe. He was unanimously chosen President. Flesh and blood could not resist him, for they were he. It was, moreover, determined to establish the clam-bake on a permanent basis, broad as his fundamental fat. Mr Merritt Sherwood, a chubby youth of only less weight, was chosen Vice-President, and the result of their joint sittings was the incubation of the present egg. Notice was given of this clam-bake some weeks ago, and at once the fat men of Connecticut flung their Bantings from them and devoted themselves to a dilution. Their bosoms, and the regions immediately inferior thereto, swelled at the prospect of out-weighting their President, and they fed full, and eschewed exercise.

I took the express train out of New York on the morning, but I was disappointed at not finding either the train or the land to flow with fatness. But at Stamford a gloom came over the air. The car was for one moment in eclipse, and the next a vast and vague bulk of black broad-cloth was compressed within the door, shut off the view, and expanding, overflowed the seats on both sides. It seemed as if this was the consummation of obesity—it was only the beginning.

When the train stopped, it was seen that three fat men occupied the court-yard, and two more crowded the bar-room. Acres of fat then met the eye wherever it turned, and above these acres of fat smiles spread placidly. It seemed a dreadful dream, or the broadest of broad farce. It was literally too much, and I asked the way to the scene of the clam-bake. There was a stage just going down—a long and lofty stage drawn by four horses. Into the stage got two fat men, who seemed to fill it, but only seemed—for the driver found room in their interstices for a dozen lean human beings. The man in whom I was interested was not only a frightfully fat man, but was also a humourist. He laughed continually, and his vast wheezes drove the unfortunate passengers against the ends of the stage with frightful concussions. At this the fat man laughed again, and the stage rolled and pitched like a tub with a head wind. The springs gave way under him, and he chuckled like a subterranean convulsion. In short, this fat man, with the kindest intentions, was a terror to his kind. He leered a fat and flagrant leer at the fattest woman extant, who passed us in a buggy. This fat woman, by-the-bye, was not at the clam-bake, though she was clearly eligible, but exhibited herself upon the road to the intoxicated rapture of the fat men in general, and our fat man in particular. The fat man nodded to her like Olympian Love, and she deepened the creases in her countenance by way of encouragement to him. When we passed other non-stoutly fat men, our fat man would cry out to them in much astonishment, "Hi! Fatty!" and shake the stage with chuckles over this exquisite pleasantry. This "Hi! Fatty!" we subsequently found to be the usual salutation of the fat men. As a joke, it grows trite after the three hundredth hearing.

When all the giants had mustered, and the fat, so to speak, was all in the fire, a public feeling crystallised around two centres, or, more properly, within two circumferences. The first was a chubby youth, aged 35; the second, a stout and mature man of 60. It was thought universally that the Presidency lay between these two. A wilderness of black broad-cloth encompassed the first, while the second wore a short brown coat, and infinite brown trousers laved his legs. The first was tall and pyramidal.

Large rolls of fat around his shoulders clung, and from his neck the double dewlap hung. The second was shorter and cylindrical. It seemed as if you could have dug a clean painful out of No. 1, without ever molesting him, and that you might shoot parrots

all day at No. 2, without penetrating him. One was blubber, the other was lawn. How happy could we have been with either, were the other dear charmer away. There was no other way of "trying" it except by ordering them both to the scales. The result was that John A. P. Frisk, of New York, is the President, and James A. Lincoln, of Springfield, Illinois, only the Vice-President of the solid sodality for the coming year. Mr Frisk weighs 358 lbs.; Mr Lincoln weighs 329 lbs.

To the hilarity at this point there was one marked exception. The ex-President waddled his lonely way in silence. Was it for this he had fed full and moved slowly, in reliance upon the maxim of the lean and therefore untrustworthy Sallust, that "power is easily retained by those arts which have acquired it?" Was it for this he had swollen and sw—perspired to gain a 318 lbs? All is vanity and vexation of spirit. The love of corpulence is the root of all evil. He heaped up fat and cannot tell who shall gather it. These and such other texts, were doubtless the subject of meditation in that bitter hour. I beg to tender him my sympathy, and to make the public proclamation that, in spite of the fact that he has been outgrown, he is a good portly man, a faithful, and a corpulent.

Another 300 lb. man is Merritt Sherwood, of New Milford, to whom, if nature has been as bountiful throughout as she has been in the epigastric region, and proportioned him to his paunch, the Presidency would have fallen, for his watch chain is like the herald Mercury, new lighted on a heaven-kissing hill, and by virtue mainly of his abdomen he weighs 307 lbs. The only other one is Andrew Hull, of Danbury, who is a tall young man of much pith and moment and 305 avoirdupois.

As to the clam-bake itself, it was like all other clam-bakes except in one regard. The appetite of the fat men was good, but the appetite of the lean men—who were passed for lean—was terrible. Now was seen the unholy little game of the wretch who weighed 175 lbs before dinner. I saw him. I marked him. It was the fixed intention of this sham fat man to make up the difference in dinner, and to eat 25 lbs. avoirdupois. And it is my opinion that he accomplished his fiendish purpose. But, happily for justice, the authorities have restricted such as he, and weighed them empty and unwilling. When he had been filled, there was a will but there was no longer a weigh.

The proceedings proper were tame. The President made a very small speech for so large a man, and Andrew Hull gave him an enormous cane. But there was no foot races, no velocipede riding; the main interest was to see *non multa, sed multum*, how much there could be of so few people. And if these lines convince the readers of the truth of Milton's line, that "They also serve who only stand and wait," there purpose will have been accomplished.

The English Duke and the French Actress.

One of the Paris correspondents of the *Belgian Independence* tells the following romantic story:—

It is this dull time that a very rich Englishman has chosen in which to display some of the most silly eccentricities that ever could have been imagined. They say this Englishman, who wears a great and which is more important, historical name, for a long time wished to be behind the scenes of a great theatre, but not like an ordinary visitor, or from curiosity; he wished to study for himself artistic life as followed by actors, actresses, and *figurantes*—in a word, to do for pleasure what stage heroes do from necessity. It is stated that this is the simple truth—that this Englishman, in order to satisfy his strange caprice, took a situation as a buffoon, and for eight days exposed himself to the laughter of the public in the character of an ostrich. My fellow members of the press have stated the case, which, in fact, is not to be denied. They have, however, been mistaken in the motives which induced this rich gentleman to appear on the stage. It was not to study artistic habits that he consented to make himself ridiculous. It was simply this: he was over head and ears in love with a young person who played in the piece. He loved like Englishmen can love—it was fierce and uncontrollable. He wished to guard his incognito, make the acquaintance of the young lady, and see if she was worthy of him—in fact, that she should love him for himself alone. This is why he did distinguish himself as an ostrich. What woman, no matter how intelligent, would ever suppose that the wings of an ostrich ever concealed a millionaire and the bearer of an historical name? My fellow members of the press say he has returned quietly to England—his eccentricity accomplished. This is not the case: the Englishman has not returned as he came, and his *violet de chambre* has been the cause of this. "One is never betrayed but by one's own." Imagine to yourself that this gentleman could not entirely do away with all his aristocratic habits, even when on the stage, and although wishing to pass as a poor actor, he gave orders to his servant to come and dress him every night and put on his bird uniform. On the very first evening the servant was met by the loved one of his

master, who questioned him closely. She asked him who this new actor was, and how it came to pass he had servants. The *violet*, feeling embarrassed, tried to answer evasively. At last he uttered this awkward sentence: "I cannot tell you anything positively, but you may feel quite certain he is an ostrich of rank." Nothing more was required. The beautiful child (!) understood it all, and resolved to completely turn the head of her adorer. I need hardly tell you that she succeeded admirably. She acted the shy and modest girl, gave out that she came of good family in reduced circumstances, and that she had taken to the career of an actress from love of her father, whom an unfortunate speculation had ruined. All this inflamed the gentleman. The fancy of the moment changed to a serious passion. "Enfin," the ostrich, proposed to the little actress on Saturday, 2nd October. The marriage is to be celebrated in eight days. The trousseau has been purchased, the banns published, and the future looms with joy. Everything tends to predict that in a short time the little actress will be presented to the Queen of England under the title of a duchess.

Warden's Report.

Mr Warden Robinson writes from Mount Ida, under date January 31, as follows:—

This district has been visited with extraordinary heavy rains, which had the effect of causing all the rivers and streams to be flooded. The rain began on the night of January 1st, and continued without intermission for nearly three days. On the second day, the flood came down the Hogburn Gully, carrying away all the works of the two "Dead Level" companies, which consisted of long and expensive tail-races, constructed up the middle of the gully. Other mining companies also suffered severely, especially Cooper's party in Enterprise Gully, whose tunnel tail-race was in a great measure destroyed. Even the smallest creeks became roaring torrents, and were for a while utterly impassable. The Taieri River could not be crossed for about ten days. The mail from Dunedin was delayed for about four days, and that from the Dunstan for a like period. At St. Bathans, some injury was done to the flushing channels, but that was about the extent of the mischief. Since the flood, a great deal of time has been lost in repairing damages. As regards the "Dead Level" races, it seems scarcely possible to restore them, for they are in most places absolutely obliterated or covered over completely with tailings brought down from above by the rush of the water.

Considerable excitement at present prevails at Naseby in consequence of the "strike" of the miners, who have resolved to pay no longer the rate exacted by the water companies—viz, £2 10s per Hogburn head of water. There have been several meetings, at which the miners have come to the resolution to pay no more than 30s per head for water. It is understood that the water-race owners have declined to supply water at that price, and hence the cessation of work. The "Hogburn head" is a stream flowing for eight hours through an aperture of 16 square inches, sectional measurement, while the Government head is 40 inches for 24 hours, so that the Government head may be roughly stated as equal to seven-and-a-half Hogburn heads. Both parties to the dispute appear very confident and determined, but the utmost good order has prevailed. It is not improbable that a compromise will be effected.

A thick reef has been discovered at the Otekaika, on a spur between that river and the Marewenua. It is said to show a prospect of over two ounces to the ton. A prospecting claim has been applied for, and several other claims have been taken up. The reef appears to be about five feet thick, but little gold is to be seen in the stone.

A desperate pugilistic encounter between two men with only one arm each is described by a Melbourne contemporary as follows:—Each twitted the other with being a drunken one-armed vagabond—then commenced a fight between them. Having each but one arm in the fight, they used their legs, and ultimately rolled on the floor, the one cripple locked in the arm of the other. They fought like tigers; ultimately the most crippled of the two had to seek refuge in Deniliquin Hospital, he having severely injured the stumps of the fingers (which were partially destroyed) of the only hand he had left. He maintained his wife and children, he said, by begging, and was having his Christmas spree out. His antagonist called at the Hospital to see him previous to leaving the district—a bit of politeness more generally belonging to the French school, especially after a passage of arms.

Holloway's Pills.—For the Cure of Billions and Liver Complaints.—Extract of a letter from Mr. J. D. Morgan, druggist, Tregaron, Cardiganshire, dated August 19, 1853:—"To Professor Holloway, Sir,—Miss Mary Richards, residing in this place, suffered for many years with a liver complaint which, so debilitated her constitution as to render her incapable of following her usual avocations; having availed herself of numerous remedies which produced no good effect, she was finally recommended to give your valuable Pills a trial, from which she derived great benefit, and by steadily persevering with them for a short time they were the means of restoring her to the soundest health."

Interprovincial News.

A recent number of the *Wellington Post* has the following:—In our report of the ball yesterday a slight error crept in. We stated that the Governor's health was drunk with cheers, and though not absolutely incorrect, this information is calculated to mislead. Although there were some faint cheers, there was also so marked an expression of disapprobation as to induce calls for order.

One evening last week a social meeting was convened at Greymouth, under the presidency of Mr. M. Kennedy, for the purpose of presenting the Rev. Father Royer with a testimonial. Among the guests present was Mr. Byrne, who recently established a branch of the Ballarat Hibernian Friendly Society at Charleston. After the health of "His Holiness the Pope," that of "Her Majesty the Queen" was proposed and received with enthusiasm by all present, except Mr. Byrne, who kept his seat. Subsequently he informed the meeting that his reasons for not drinking to the toast were that he was a citizen of the Great Republic, a democrat, and therefore could not recognise crowned heads. Mr. Byrne must certainly hold very narrow views of the principle involved, or must be ignorant of the practices of the leading men of his pet Republic; for, with few exceptions, they have considered it a privilege to take part in doing honor to the Lady who wields the sceptre of Great Britain.—*Charleston Herald*.

The following paragraph, taken from the *Charleston Herald*, is certainly couched in expressive language, whatever may be said as to its elegance:—"An enterprising publican at Lawrence, Otago, has excited the indignation of his fellow pub's, but won the gratitude of thirsty sinners, by announcing his intention to retail three-penny nips and swipes by the powder for a goat's-eye."

At Mr Lightband's shop (Nelson) are to be seen some specimens of copper ore, brought over from Collingwood yesterday in the Lady Barkly. Hitherto this district has been looked upon only as a coal and gold bearing country, but it now appears that copper is to be added to its vast mineral wealth.—*Evening Mail*.

A telegram in the *Canterbury Press* states that Major Heaphy has been appointed Commissioner of Native Reserves, at a salary of £1000 a year.

A little girl named Bain, four years of age, went into the bush at Slate River, Nelson, on Saturday afternoon last, at two o'clock, for the purpose of meeting her father; and as she did not appear again for some hours, her parents began to be alarmed, and the whole neighbourhood was soon roused. Some sixty diggers, who were living close by, turned out, and a systematic search was at once instituted, which continued throughout that night, the whole of Sunday, and Monday morning, when, at about 10 o'clock, the welcome sound of the gun, which was the pre-arranged signal for the discovery of the poor little thing, was heard. The little creature was, strange to say, quite well and happy, and at once commenced to ask for her "daddy." The delight of the diggers on finding the lost child was, says our informant, something delightful to witness.—*Evening Mail*.

The *Auckland Herald* states that there is no truth in the report that his Excellency the Governor has applied for leave to visit England.

According to the *Grey River Argus*, over twenty different parties, varying from two to five men each, are engaged on the beaches in the proximity of the Racecourse Hotel, near Charleston, washing black sand. Some of them are making as much as £12 a week per man, while all are earning more than wages.

A meeting of miners has been held at Westport to take steps for the protection of mining matters. There was a very large attendance. The following resolutions were carried:—"That such association be called the New Zealand Miners' League, and that a Committee be formed in this district for the purpose of communicating with miners in other districts with a view to the institution of such a league throughout the length and breadth of the colony."—"That it be one of the interim duties of the committee to communicate with the local members of the General Assembly and Provincial Council, with the object of representing to them the matters to which they should give their most particular attention."

Some Maori translations of Earl Granville's last despatch are reported to have been circulated among the King natives. The authorship of the translation is attributed to Mr C. O. Davis, of Auckland, who was some years ago tried on a charge of high treason, and acquitted.

At a recent public meeting in Nelson, with reference to the Wangapeka sales, Mr Luckie said:—"All here will admit that trade is paralysed; and from certain enquiries which a friend of mine has made, I am informed that there are now in Nelson from 220 to 240 houses and shops at present unoccupied." The statement presents a curious contrast between Nelson and Dunedin, house accommodation of any kind being exceedingly scarce in the latter place.

Varieties.

Why are ladies like watches?—Because they have beautiful faces, delicate hands, are more admired when full jewelled, and need regulating very often.

An Irish footman, who had recently got a place at the West End, on entering a room where there was a vase of gold fish, exclaimed, "By St. Patrick, this is the first time I ever saw red herrings alive, in the whole course of my life."

A few years ago an ingenious gentleman used to get drunk gratuitously almost daily in the streets of London by falling down in a fit with a small placard on his breast—"Don't bleed me, but give me a glass of hot brandy and water."

Josh Billings says there are but few sights in this life more sublime and pathetic than to see a poor but virtuous young man, full of Christian fortitude, struggling to grow a monstache.

A wag, passing by a house which had been almost consumed by fire, inquired whose it was. He was told that it was a hatter's, when he exclaimed, "Ah! then the loss will be felt."

The following extraordinary specimen of orthography and composition was recently sent to a Melbourne magistrate, as a notice that an infant, for the maintenance of whom the writer had been ordered to pay 7s 6d a week, was dead:—"Monday, January 10/70. Sir,—I am gheowing you noutice of the Entfant Ceayeld of iraync Slabbat dat I were payeng 7s 6p is dead. Edeyed on Sunday morning hat 11 a clok and is funeral tuk ples hat trey a Clook on Monday hafternoon. I remayned to be your hombel servant A—B."

An Editor's Bed.—In a certain village the editor of a local newspaper had a room at the hotel. One night he was absent, and the landlord, as the house was crowded, put a stranger in his bed. The next morning the following lines were found in the room:

I slept in an editor's bed last night,
And others may say what they please,
I say there's one editor in the world
That certainly takes his ease.

When I thought of my humble cot, away,
I could not suppress a sigh,
But thought, as I rolled in the feathery nest,
How easily editors lie!

The editor, after some enquiries of the landlord, made the following addition:—

The chap whose form has rested here,
And left his copy behind,
For a bad impression should be locked up,
As the cut is most unkind.

Behold a proof of how he lies:
In the morning he went away,
And like many that use an editor's sheet,
Has forgotten his bill to pay.

MARRIAGES.

Steed—Curry.—On the 19th inst., Thomas Steed, Esq., to Miss Sarah E. Curry.

Said Brown, "Tom Steed's so very small,
I fear he will be flurried."
"Oh no!" said Jones, "a steed's a horse,
And a short one is soon carried."

Turn—Turn.—On the 14th, Mr Joseph Turn to Miss Mary Turn.

Let's hope they were good children both,
And honoured well their loving mother.
We can't complain in such event,
For "one good turn deserves another."

Moore—Moore.—On the 1st, Mr William Moore to Miss Maria Moore.

The happiness they will enjoy
Is great beyond degree;
But when they have a little "Moore,"
Oh! won't it greater be.

Williams—Williams.—On the 29th ult., Mr William Williams, to Miss Lizzie Williams, both of Williamstown. "For further particulars, see small Bills."—*Native Virginian*.

Mrs Partington, in illustration of the proverb, "A soft answer turneth away wrath," says that "it is better to speak paragonically of a person than to be all the time flinging epithets at him."

O'Connell and his son.—There is a story told of the First Liberator, which is not unworthy of being recorded. The great Daniel, when taking a sauntering ride in the neighbourhood of his house at Caheriveen, had occasion to ask an urchin to open a gate for him. The little fellow complied with much alacrity, and looked up with such an honest pleasure at rendering the slight service, that O'Connell by way of saying something—anything, asked, "What's your name, boy?" "Daniel O'Connell, sir," replied he stoutly. "And who's your father?" demanded the astonished liberator. "Daniel O'Connell, sir." O'Connell muttered a word or two below his breath, and added aloud, "When I see you again I will give you sixpence." Riding briskly on, he soon forgot the incident, and fell to thinking of much graver matters, when, after some miles of riding, he found his path obstructed by some fallen timber, which a boy was stoutly endeavouring to remove. On looking more closely he discovered it to be the same boy he had met in the morning. "What," cried he, "how do you come to be here now?" "You said, sir, the next time you seen me you'd give me sixpence," said the little fellow, wiping the perspiration from his brow. "Here it is," said Daniel, "you are my son, the devil a doubt of it."—*Cornelius O'Dowd, in Blackwood*.

A London Lark.—We once saw the Strand thrown into terror, confusion, and distress by the unaided wit of two boys. It was one of those foggy, damp December evenings, when the lamps look like blurred moons, objects twenty yards off are all but undistinguishable, and the pavement is as slippery as if all the clowns had been practising the making of butter slides for the coming pantomimes. Those playful youths had got a suit of old clothes and some straw, out of which they had made an image sufficiently like a man to pass muster in that uncertain light. With this, counterfeiting the action of affectionate sons taking home a beloved but intoxicated father, they would suddenly appear in front of some passing omnibus, and then, affecting to lose all presence of mind, allow their helpless parent to fall almost under the feet of the horses. The scene may be imagined. Terror of the passengers, horror of the driver, horses down through having been sharp turned aside or pulled up on the greasy pavement, and the general agitation, which culminated when at length an omnibus with more way on than usual actually passed over the body, the wretched driver, of course, suffering the mental agonies of a homicide until relieved by seeing the straw intestines of his victim.

New Advertisements.

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MUNICIPALITY OF CROMWELL.
EXTRAORDINARY VACANCIES.

I hereby give notice that the Council have appointed TUESDAY, 22nd inst., in the Town Hall, at noon, as the day of NOMINATION of a COUNCILLOR for BRIDGE WARD and a COUNCILLOR for KAWARAU WARD, in the room and stead of Mr JAMES DAWKINS and Mr R. E. DAGG; and day of ELECTION (if any), FRIDAY, 25th inst.

GEORGE JENOUR,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Cromwell, 14th February, 1870.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF KAWARAU WARD.

GENTLEMEN,—You are no doubt aware that owing to the recent change in the Mayoralty of this town, I, along with my fellow-councillor, Mr Dawkins, have been disqualified from acting in the office to which I was elected by you.

A fresh election for Councillor for the Ward which I have heretofore represented being about to take place, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for your suffrages. In my place in the Council I have endeavoured faithfully to discharge the duties which devolved upon me, and have studied the interests of the Municipality in general on all questions which have been brought before the Council.

Trusting that my past services have met with your approval, and that you will show by your support at the ensuing election that you still retain confidence in me as your representative,

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. DAGG.

Cromwell, Feb. 15, 1870.

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all-wool Crimeans, 6s 6d
Flannels, Flannels, 6s 6d
Best knitted Drawers, 5s 6d
Tweed Hats, from 4s 11d
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CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

REV. R. COFFEY, of Queenstown, will (D.V.) celebrate Divine Service in the Schoolroom, CROMWELL, on SUNDAY MORNING, 20th February, at 11 o'clock.

A BAPTISMAL SERVICE will be held at the same time, when persons can have their children christened.

DUNEDIN AGENCY.

Messrs SKIRVING & SCHOLEFIELD, No. 1 Chambers, opposite Government Buildings, Princes-street, have been appointed DUNEDIN AGENTS for the ARGUS.

THE
Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1870.

It is a fact much to be regretted that affairs have been so badly managed in this district that it has gained little from its large contributions to the revenue. The roads, with one exception, are those formed by nature. We leave out of consideration the main trunk line of road to the Wakatipu, as that cannot be styled, by any stretch of imagination, a local road. It has also been usual to credit Cromwell with the cost of the bridge; but this is also part and portion of the main line of road, and consequently a provincial work, of value to the Province at large. The contribution doled out to the Corporation—for they cut it short of one year's revenue—has not been anything more than legislative enactment entitled the town to. In the matter of Public Works we have been entirely neglected; and though we do not approve of comparisons, we must say the Wakatipu has been petted, and its slightest wants attended to. It has recently had a road to the head of the Lake formed, while water communication to the same place existed; Queenstown has just obtained 600 acres of splendid commonage for its use; the local paper reports that its already good Court-house is to be improved by the addition of rooms which will just double its size, that a new Post-office is to be built, and that a second road to Moke Creek is to be opened. These are only some of the works in progress in that favoured district. We will not enumerate the Shotover Bridge, for that is like the Cromwell Bridge, a provincial work. But we do say that considering our large population, which contributes at the rate of £4 per head to the provincial revenue, we are at least entitled to our fair share of the public expenditure. Our post-office and telegraph station is a mere box. Why should the General Government not build a new one? We know it will be made a charge upon provincial revenue; so will the Queenstown one. But we urgently require one, while the latter place could do for a year or two longer with its present accommodation. They, however, properly represent their wants in the district, and succeed in their applications. Our Court-house, too, remains in embryo, while the money is forthcoming in the other district for an addition to a building already sufficient for present wants. We could continue the catalogue. It is, however, enough to point out that the fault is our own if we cannot make our wants known and our claims respected. What these are, we have pointed out in previous issues, and now that the Mayoralty election is decided, we trust the Council will devote itself to representing the interests of the town and district, and obtaining some of the things so much required. In the outlying districts, the formation of committees who would communicate their wants through the Council, or directly, is a wise proceeding. By these means something like justice might be obtained; but while we remain a disorganised community, calling for help and not helping ourselves, we can hardly look for anything better than in times past. By a steady, consistent line of action, we can retrieve our character, and prove that we have abilities to govern ourselves and develop our resources.

The English mail closes at the Cromwell Post-office to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon, at three o'clock.

The Rev. Father Royer may be expected to arrive here shortly from Greytown, to take charge of the Roman Catholic Church in this district.

The Rev. R. Coffey, of Queenstown, will conduct Divine service in the school-house, Cromwell, on Sunday morning next, at 11 o'clock. It is announced that a baptismal service will be held at the same time.

We have been requested to state that a meeting of the Athenaeum Hall Committee will take place in the Town-hall this evening, at eight o'clock. A full attendance is particularly requested.

It is notified in the Gazette of the 2nd inst. that it is intended to grant leases of Crown lands for gold mining purposes to the undermentioned:—William Jackson Barry, for Victoria Company, 16a. 2r. on Aurora Reef, Wakefield District; E. G. Barnes, for Aurora Company, 16a. 2r. on same line of reef.

An adjourned meeting of the Cromwell Library Committee was held in the Town-hall on the evening of Friday last. Present—Messrs Preshaw, Marsh, Mackellar, and Fraer. Mr Whetter, the president, was in the chair. The object of the meeting appeared to be, to decide what steps should be taken towards the erection of an Athenaeum Hall. It was shown from the minute-book that a resolution was passed in August last appointing a sub-committee to report upon the best means of floating a public company for the erection of a hall; and in the annual report submitted to a meeting of subscribers held on the 16th November, the Committee recommended the desirability of having a building for the use of the library. That report was adopted, but it appeared that nothing had been done towards carrying out the recommendation. Mr Marsh proposed a motion to the effect that the sub-committee formerly appointed (Messrs Whetter, Preshaw, Fraer, and Mackellar), be requested to take steps for carrying out the object for which they were appointed, viz., the starting of an Athenaeum Hall Company. There was not a word said by any member of committee either for or against the proposal to build a hall—the motion was tacitly agreed to. The resignation of Mr M. Fraer (hon. secretary) as a member of committee was tendered, and it was proposed and carried that Mr Fraer be requested to withdraw it; but this he declined to do. Mr Fraer, however, afterwards agreed to act as secretary until a successor is appointed. The remainder of the business was purely routine.

The Cromwell Municipality dispute has at length been settled. Mr W. H. Whetter having on Friday last formerly delivered to Mr G. W. Goolger the property and effects belonging to the Corporation. A meeting of the Council was held on Monday evening, when, as will be perceived by a report in another column, Messrs Dagg and Dawkins were disqualified as Councillors. Mr Badger, also, is now out of the Council, his seat being occupied by Mr Kelly. The nomination of two Councillors to serve in the room of Messrs Dagg and Dawkins takes place on Tuesday, the 22nd instant.

From the Cardrona we learn that the prospecting party have abandoned the shaft at the foot of the terrace, on which they have been engaged for the last fifteen months. They have lately been unable to keep under the large quantity of water which accumulated, and have therefore abandoned the enterprise—having had no return whatever for the many months of toil they have undergone. The pumping machinery in the Pirate, Gin and Raspberry, and Homeward Bound claims has all been drawn, as the ground is now worked out. This has had the effect of sending a greater quantity of water into the terrace claim, about two hundred yards further down the creek, thus rendering the working of it more difficult than it has hitherto been. Between the township and the foot of the Arrow track over the Crown Range there are several parties of Europeans and Chinamen at work. They are represented to be making good wages.

Matheson and party, who are engaged deep-sinking in the gully adjacent to the Bendigo stream, have, we are informed, bought out the Chinese working next to them, in order to get better drainage for their claim. The same party have rented the tail-water of the Aurora Company, and are about to commence cutting a race to convey the water to their ground.

The Cardrona School was opened on Monday, the 7th inst., Mr Pope, from Albert-town, having been chosen teacher. There is an average attendance of fourteen scholars.

There are now about twenty miners at work on the Matakupu Creek, about sixteen miles from the township of Pembroke, Lake Wanaka. They are all reported to be doing well, and fresh accessions to the population are daily taking place.

In the late attack of Te Kooti on the camp of Colonel McDonnell, the latter had a narrow escape, a bullet passing between his left arm and his side. A few minutes later he was slightly wounded by a splinter from a tree close to which he was standing.

There has been a rumour about the city this last few days that the opening of the Upper Thames will soon be an *fait accompli*—in short, some of our citizens go so far as to say that advertisements have been sent to the Australian newspapers, announcing the fact that the Ohinemuri country is thrown open to European industry and enterprise.—*Auckland News*.

Three hundred men have been enrolled at the Thames, and are ready to assist against Te Kooti if required.

From the *Thames Times* we learn that at the usual weekly cleaning up at the Golden Crown Company's battery, on the 21st ult., the net quantity of gold, after melting at the Bank of New Zealand, was 446ozs. 8dwts.

A work of considerable magnitude is at present being engaged in by a party of Chinamen at the Arrow, which affords a noteworthy illustration of the energy and perseverance displayed by this industrious race. They have obtained a lease of twelve acres of ground in the bed of the river, extending downwards from the point at the back of the township. Prior to the recent heavy flood, they had constructed a wall about a mile in length, to confine the river to a narrow channel, intending to padlock and run through their tail-race the whole of the ground they have under lease. This tail-race, which is about half a mile in length, is a most substantial piece of work, being firmly built of stones for the greater part of the distance. The wall, or embankment, was built of shingly sand, thickly interspersed with bushes and shrubs procured in the neighbourhood, the party, numbering about twenty-four men, having been for several months engaged in its construction. The recent heavy flood, however, played sad havoc with their handiwork, a considerable portion of the wall having been swept completely away. This they are now busy re-constructing, nothing daunted at having again to go over six weeks' work. They have made a wheel for their pumping machinery, 8ft. in diameter; but it has proved too small for the work it is required to do; and when they are ready to re-commence padlocking, a larger one will have to be constructed. Great practical knowledge is exhibited in the whole of their workings, and it is the general opinion that when they get properly set-in to work, fair results will be obtained. They have built a large hut, capable of accommodating the whole of the party, and evidently intend to give the place a thorough trial during the ensuing winter.

A deputation of the miners waited on Mr Warden Robinson, at his private residence, on Monday evening last, to inquire the result of their petition to his Honor the Superintendent. The Warden, we (*Mount Ida Chronicle*) are informed, stated that no reply had been received, and advised their waiting upon the companies, to come, if possible, to an amicable settlement. Mr Robinson being absent to proceed to Hamilton, Hyde, and Macraes the next morning, a promise was given to the miners that their claims should stand protected until his return.

THE BENDIGO RATES.

On Friday morning we issued an "Extraordinary" announcing the fact that the Aurora Company had struck some very rich quartz in their claim, and although the particulars supplied to us have since been found to be not altogether correct—inasmuch as the best of the stone has not yet been crushed, and therefore the actual results are not known—yet subsequent reports from the claim only tend to confirm the assertion we then made, viz., that on Thursday a portion of the reef was struck which far exceeds in richness anything yet discovered in the Province. Specimens of quartz from this new lode have been brought into Cromwell by several persons during the last three or four days, some of which are believed to contain as much weight of gold as of quartz. There were in the possession of Mr W. Griegley, of Clyde, and every fragment showed a very large proportion of gold. The stone is very soft and crumbles away on being handled. We are informed that some very much richer specimens were brought down on Monday, by Mr J. D. Feraud, of Clyde, and which are described as by far the richest yet seen in Cromwell. A quantity of very excellent stone has been taken from the claim during the past few days, and deposited in the paddock ready for crushing. An accident which has caused a temporary stoppage of work at the battery occurred on Saturday, one of the cog-wheels having been broken. The damage is to be temporarily repaired without delay, and the fractured wheel will shortly be replaced by a new one.

Yesterday evening we were informed by a gentleman whose voracity may be strictly relied on (and who is practically acquainted with mining in all its phases) that he saw a dishful of quartz from the Aurora claim, which was estimated to contain about three pounds weight of gold. The retorting of the amalgam from the first crushing is expected to take place to-day, and the result is looked for with much interest.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 west on the Aurora reef are reported to be getting very good indications. In No. 3 a shaft has been sunk to a considerable depth, and good prospects have been met with all the way down.

Coldclough and party are raising stone—which is said to promise a large yield—in readiness for crushing at the Aurora battery when the remainder of the stampers are put up.

The Saxby Company have sunk a shaft to the depth of about 60 feet, with very good prospects. A working manager has been engaged, and he is about to commence testing the ground thoroughly.

Richmond and party have prospected nearly the whole of their claim, and have found the reef not to exceed ten or twelve inches in thickness at any part. The stone from this claim is expected to yield at the rate of 16 to 18 ozs. per ton.

Williams and party (Alto reef) have quantity of very rich stone at grass, and more is being raised. The party are about to construct a road to enable them to bring machinery on to the claim. This will be a work of considerable expense.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday last. Present—The Mayor (Mr G. W. Giger), and Crs. Burres and Kelly. Moved by Cr. Kelly, seconded by Cr. Burres, carried, "That the Town Clerk write to Mrs Marsh and Taylor, inviting them to act as assessors for the valuation of the property in the Municipality for the year ending 31st July, 1870, at a fee of two guineas each to be paid."

Moved by Cr. Burres, seconded by Cr. Kelly, carried, "That Tuesday, the 22nd instant, be fixed as the day for the nomination of two councillors—one for Bridge Ward, and one for Kaurau Ward—in the room of Mr Robert E. Giger, and Mr James Dawkins, disqualified; in the event of there being more than the required number of candidates proposed, the election to be held on Friday, the 25th inst.; and that notice to the above effect be given in the two local papers and the Provincial Government Gazette."

Moved by Cr. Kelly, and seconded by Cr. Burres, "That the Town Clerk write to the Provincial Secretary, requesting payment of the subsidy due to the Corporation for the half-year ending 31st July last."—Carried.

The Mayor here intimated that he did not intend to dispose of any more business until the councillors for Bridge and Kaurau Wards were elected, and the Council then adjourned.

[We are unable to give anything further than the above bare outline of the proceedings, having received no intimation of the meeting.]

THE TUAPEKA JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

These races—that is to say, the Races for the year 1870—have been looked forward to with greater anxiety—have been more earnestly got up—have occasioned more public interest—have been subscribed to more largely—have brought together more horses, more men, more women, more children—have occasioned more betting—induced more and harder swearing—have produced the consumption of more ardent liquor, and the conversion into smoke of more tobacco—have been more mirth-provoking—and have generally been far more "jolly," than any other races which have hitherto taken place within the boundary of Otago's oldest Gold-field.

Wednesday, the 9th—the day before the races—set in dark and threatening, and by 10 o'clock a steady downpour was going on. This lasted, with but little intermission, all day, and the appearance of the sky was most unpromising. "The state of the course" was the chief object of anxiety, and it was felt that it would be far better if those who have the management of affairs would content themselves with smaller prizes for a year or two, and make a really good and well-drained course. On Wednesday night it continued to rain, but owing to the strong wind which was blowing, the amount of moisture was not much added to; and on Thursday morning the appearance of the sky was much more promising. On the Wednesday evening the town was literally full of people. I have lived here nearly five years, but I never saw Lawrence so crowded. Every available spot where it was possible to improvise a bed was pressed into the service, and houses which have long stood empty were hired for the occasion, to accommodate in some manner the crowds who were expected to pay us a visit. The bars of the various hotels were besieged till a late hour, and although the rain was descending with a vindictive steadiness, the streets were by no means deserted. Once again was the truth (if not the wisdom) of Byron's couplet demonstrated. Yea, verily,

"Man, being reasonable, must get drunk:
The best of life is but in intoxication."

And yet, I am glad to say, I heard of nothing disagreeable, and there certainly was no rowdiness.

By 11 a.m. on Thursday the weather was comparatively fine. During the morning there were sundry rumours of a postponement; but these were not confirmed. A bright spot in the horizon—"no bigger than a man's hand"—gave hope; and before two o'clock, the time for the first race, the sun made its appearance. The course was certainly not the thing; but there were crowds of people—plenty of excitement—any quantity of betting,—and although occasionally "the rain descended, and the floods came," the enjoyment appeared to be almost uninterrupted.

There were three large booths, the principal one being that erected by Mr H. Hastings—having over it a Grand Stand capable of accommodating upwards of 200 persons, with a saddling paddock at the rear, all erected by our worthy Town Councillor Mr William Mears. Both of these were well patronised. In addition, there were two very handsome booths erected by Mr John Donovan, of the "Shamrock," and Mr M. B. Bido, of the "Washington" (Wetherstones). They all appeared to be doing a tremendous trade. The crowd on the course was immense, and however much "the course" itself may have suffered from the occasional showers, I am of opinion that they were rather a benefit than otherwise to the booth proprietors.

The following were the various events:—

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, FEB. 10.

MAIDEN PLATE, 80 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a half.

R. Reay's b g Arundel, 3 yrs, 7st 5lbs. (Richards) 1
T. Howitt's b f Duchess, 4 yrs, 9st 5lbs. (Goodman) 2
D. Jolly's c g Paddy, aged, 10st 1lb. (O'Brien) 3

Mormon and Joe Cope also started; but the former bolted, and ran nearly twice round the course before the start. Duchess rushed away with the lead, which she maintained until the straight running was entered, when Richards cleverly brought up his gelding, and landed him the winner by four or five lengths.

PRIOR HANDICAP, of 60 sovs. Distance, two miles.

R. Leary's o g Foretop, 8st (Richards) 1
T. Pollock's c m Lady Ellen, 8st 3lb (Kelly) 2
R. Cotton's b g Hatter, 6st (Aitken) 3

Three others also ran. This was a very good race, Hatter at first taking the lead, which he held for more than half the distance, when he was passed by Foretop and Lady Ellen, the former winning by about five lengths.

HANDICAP THROTTING RACE, of 25 sovs. Distance, three miles.
Howitt's b g Rattler, 375 yards (Howitt) 1
Cowie's b g King, 225 yards (Cowie) 2
Langley's b m Kitty Darling, 375 yds (Smith) 3
Pollock's b g Struggler, scratch (Pollock, jun.) 4

HACK SELLING RACE, 20 sovs. One mile heats.
Simpson's c g Rufus 1
Williams's w d Harry 2

Five others started. The winner was bought in by his owner for £23 10s.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY.

Dull all day, with occasional showers. The course very wet, and round the booths the mud was literally knee-deep. Still, the attendance was very large, and on the whole the proceedings were more enjoyable than on the first day.

The first event on the card was the

LADIES' PURSE, of 30 sovs. Distance, two miles.
Reay's g g Don Pedro (Moore) 1
M. Leary's c g Skyonian (Howitt) 2
Pollock's g m Young Nelly Gray (Owner) 3

Magenta also ran, but fell when about half a mile from home. The race was between the Don and Skyonian, the former winning by about three lengths.

TOWN PLATE, of 100 sovs. Distance, three miles; weight for age.

Reay's c h c Foretop, 3 yrs, 9st 3lb (Richards) 1
Moore's c m Waterwitch, 6st 11lb (Pearson) 2
Goodman's c g Excelsior, 10st 1lb (Goodman) 3
Hutchinson's Turpin was scratched.

Excelsior had many backers for this race, but the result showed that his admirers' confidence was misplaced. The horses were got away together, and Excelsior took the lead, but was soon collared by Waterwitch. Foretop then made the running, passed both horses, and won in a canter. Excelsior nowhere.

HURDLE RACE, 30 sovs. Two miles. Weights, all 12st. 7lb.

Goodman's b g Turpin (Laverty) 1
Williams's b g T. Kooti (Goodman) 2
Moore's b g Harkaway (M'Pherson) 3

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, 15 sovs. Distance, a mile and a half.

Pollock's c m Lady Ellen, 7st 2lb (Cotton) 1
Hutchinson's b g Turpin, 6st 4lb (Pearson) 2
Cotton's b g Hatter, 8st 3lb (Tanner) 3

Mormon also ran.

In the running for the Ladies' Purse, Magenta fell violently in the last round, or he would have stood a good chance of winning.

In the evening a sale of horses—many of them racers—took place in Peel-street. The attendance was very large, and Mr Matthew Hay, the auctioneer, realised capital prices. The only drawback to the complete success of this year's races was the determined wet weather.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

REGINA AND THE GUARDIAN VERSUS WHETTER.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

Sir,—When the ARGUS and GUARDIAN started into being some months ago in Cromwell, those who were most jealous for the peace of the district were apprehensive of a fierce rivalry, if not a deadly war, between the two new-born interests. The peculiar circumstances attending the birth of the twin-brothers seemed to foreshadow some such result. News must be collected from a very sparse, scattered population. The task of supplying reading matter for sixteen pages per week apparently half suggested, if it did not justify a standing battle, to fill up the empty spaces. But when the danger seemed most imminent, the threatened storm passed away, and instead of the old spectacle of the Kilkenny cats, the two papers now fairly keep the peace towards each other. Yet there have not been wanting occasions when the GUARDIAN has half hinted a desire to do battle in another direction. These latent tendencies, though timidly put forth, were sufficient to show that the hidden fires were collecting, and the munitions of war ready; and as soon as the case Regina v. Whetter came to a crisis, the GUARDIAN opened its vials upon the head of the Mayor. His office and all mercy from the GUARDIAN came to an end together. He may expect a weekly GUARDIANSHIP for the future; but it must be such as the wolf shows the lamb outside the fold, or the savage shows his victim of war whom he scalps, and whose skull he polishes for a drinking cup, or from which he pours out a libation to his gods. A victory no doubt has been gained, and the GUARDIAN wishes to make the most of it for his friends. But he ought to know, and does know, that meanness always minimizes the value of such things. Haman's gibe would not have been seen if the mean coward had not made it so high. He over-acted his part: his success was his misfortune. To low minds victories are always worse than defeats. The law by which this result is reached is unerring in its aim, and all but universal in its operation. And there is no reason to think that the achievement over which the GUARDIAN makes merry with his friends will be an exception. Could prophecy anticipate history, this would be seen. If some old seer could write a sub-leader for the GUARDIAN next week, showing the outcome of the whole thing, something like the following might be expected:—

On the —, at a large meeting in Cromwell, it was moved and seconded:—

1st. That the Municipality of Cromwell has ceased to fulfil the conditions of a useful institution.—Carried.

2. That it be voted by this meeting a public nuisance.—Carried by acclamation.

3. That a tombstone be raised over the defunct remains of the GUARDIAN, duly marking the public appreciation of the services it rendered to the good cause.

4. That the monument bear the following inscription:—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of the late

GUARDIAN;

Begotten by mistake, 11th November 1869.

Born a Jacob.

Lived an Ismael.

Fed upon the mere places of Society.

Died of Inanition.

Buried too deep for a Resurrection.

Miserimi!

When history shall have recorded what prophecy can only anticipate, something like the above may be expected among the "locals" of a Cromwell paper. In the meantime, as we cannot read history from the upper end of

we will take the link nearest to hand. The GUARDIAN tells his readers, after heaping life wrath upon the ex-Mayor, that he is afraid to proceed further. Why, gentle reader? Has he discovered his mistake? Is his purpose of extermination open to the weakness of any moral considerations? Have the lost prejudices that some men are apt to feel where a good husband and father, an industrious tradesman, a peaceable citizen, and an honest, sober man is concerned, brought him to a pause? No—nothing of the kind. He hints at a law of libel. This only restrains the gall and bitterness of his pen. Brave man that he is! How magnanimous! He would roast his victim alive, but he will not sing his own bacon. He has driven him on the broken ice, and will push him as far from shore as he can; but he must have his own feet upon terra firma. The medal of the Humane Society only can reward such noble conduct.

But again, the GUARDIAN wishes to show that in his zeal for the good of the Corporation, and desire to see the Whetter game played out, he is not at all peculiar. The world think on this subject as he does. He can bring evidences of this from Invercargill—cum—Tuapeka. If he were standing alone in this battle for right, he might perhaps hesitate. But he has only to look in that direction and he finds a bottle-holder to back him up. Unfortunately, however, it is but a dead body of his own planting,—a pet child he made a present of to himself and then galvanised it into life; and at the point where it was expected to lend its first support, it was found, as in the case of the Italian doctor, to have the wrong head on. And here it betrayed its paternity, feature for feature, a very facsimile of its parentage; but as soon as touched by the leader of last week's ARGUS, it collapsed: the fancy man "caved in," and all that is left after the experiment is the bespattering of his own bile.

There is another subject gently touched by the GUARDIAN, and upon which I may venture a few remarks in conclusion. Before any steps had been taken to initiate the Broadsheet in this district, the Council minuted a resolution to the effect that any person or party venturing upon such a bold step should have a lease on easy terms of a suitable building site on the Town Reserve. This was done, not in favour of the ARGUS any more than the GUARDIAN, but as a lure to the first who should fulfil the above condition. The ARGUS was first: the lease was granted. The GUARDIAN came in second, out of breath, and complained of this as one-sided, and tried his best to have this minute rescinded for his special behoof, but failed. To the GUARDIAN this was the wrong of all wrongs, and must be avenged by any means, fair or foul, that may keep him on the safe side of the libel law. He steps back, and he bestows patronising glances on the Councilmen: they may be on a level with most of their class; but all the while he is collecting his might to run a muck at the arch-traitor that headed all the mischief. To have him hanged, drawn, and quartered would be all deliverances in one. Other successes that came short of this would count for nothing with the GUARDIAN.

With your permission, Mr Editor, I will return to this subject at another time. But let not this, or any subsequent production, be regarded as an apology for the late Mayor of Cromwell. This would be to mistake the writer altogether. It would be a bad day for this district that would require an apology for a plain, honest man. It would be beneath the manhood of a community of British subjects to suffer the infliction of an apology for virtuous citizenship, inflexible sobriety, and average ability modestly and honestly applied for the public weal. Till such qualities need apology, Whetter may leave his cause in the hands of his countrymen. They cannot tell him that he will not suffer in law; but they can and do tell him that he shall not suffer in the respect of all those whose esteem is worth anything. They can assure him that they are not unmoved spectators of the savage onslaughts of the GUARDIAN, and if they cannot avert, at least they hope to mitigate, future attacks. And as for myself, no doubt the GUARDIAN will reach my address weekly, and I promise him my best attention. My authorship is limited, and faulty at best; but such as it is, it shall be found in the defence of order against rowdiness, integrity against all crooked policy, and an unselfish devotion to the public welfare against the sordidity of a hireling of yesterday.—I am, &c.,

SCRIPTS.

CARDRONA.

[By our Own Correspondent.]

February 13, 1870.

Mining matters are at present looking very healthy at the head of the Cardrona Creek. Six parties of European miners are netting £10 per man per week. Their workings are principally paddocking, from 5ft. to 20ft. in depth, and the gold is very coarse. Some magnificent quartz specimens have also been found by one of the parties during the month in the bed of the creek.

The Chinese have got their New Year's festival over, and have resumed work with their accustomed vigour.

Sheep-shearing is in full swing here at present. Tuahy and Keim have finished, and I believe their clip is good. Cotter Bros. have commenced, and Gibson and Colclough purpose commencing next week.

Mr Pope, our new teacher, is about to start a night school, and has already got the promise of ten scholars—four European miners and six Chinamen, two of the latter being storekeepers, and the other four miners. The teacher is a favourite here already, and as such has been liberally dealt with. His salary is £130 per annum, and besides this, he has the fees from the night school, as well as first-class quarters, and a good garden, containing a plentiful supply of vegetables.

THE ESCORT.

The following are the quantities of gold taken down to Dunedin by the last fortnightly Escort:

	oz. dwt.
Queenstown	1314 15
Dunstan	302 0
Arrow	519 16
Blacks	302 0
Cromwell	454 0
Manuhirika	178 0
St. Bathans	380 0
Mount Ida	833 0
Tuapeka	688 0
Waipori	632 0
Waitahuna	203 19
Palmerston	12 16

ST. BATHANS.

[From our own Correspondent.]

February 5, 1870.

The damages to races and dams caused by the late floods here have been repaired, and mining operations recommenced. By the long cessation of labour, you can well imagine the extent of damage done. Including labour and loss of time, I should think it has caused an expenditure of £1000, among 200 people, in a month; and for all this I cannot see what precaution can be taken to protect head-races rush for money in all quarters. Large against the annual floods, except fluming over storm channels, which would be a most expensive undertaking in such a mountainous country as New Zealand.

As a proof that our old workings will bear re-working, I will mention one instance alone of the good-fortune of two old St. Bathansites, who, after six months' sluicing of abandoned ground at Surface Hill, have divided between them nearly 2200ozs. Their success has caused very general rejoicing, and given fresh impetus to mining in the Surface Hill direction, which had previously been almost deserted.

During the week, Mr Gilmore, who is well known hereabouts, narrowly escaped losing his life. He has just bought into a claim at Blue Gully, and was standing with his back to the stripping, when his mate, observing that a large quantity of earth was about to fall, called out to Gilmore, who jumped aside, and thus escaped being buried in many tons of earth. He did not escape unscathed as it was, however, for he was knocked down and terribly bruised and lamed. The work about this locality is getting more dangerous every month, as the height of the stripping is increasing and the ground becoming more rotten from race leakage and exposure to the weather on the face. We have, however, less dread of accidents now, as most of the sluicers are old stagers at the work, and are quite familiar with the nature of the ground.

We hear occasional whispers of prospectors having been seen burrowing here and there on the Dunstan Ranges, and miniature tents are to be seen in different places, presenting a contrast to the sombre schistosity with which the ranges are covered, and disclosing the whereabouts of the supposed refiners. Let us hope that they may be successful, and be the means of more closely connecting Cromwell with St. Bathans by sundry little townships' roads and approaches. This reminds me of some remarks I read in the Otago Witness about the short track to Bendigo Gully from the Dunedin road at Blacks. Having tried it, I am prepared to say that a man who is merciful to his horse would prefer travelling through Clyde, for the climbing of the Dunstan Range is a tedious and dangerous task, and I scarcely think any time is saved, so rough is the track that way.

We have endured a week's very warm weather—like the hot winds of Victoria passing over us. Springs and pools of water dried up, flowers and vegetables withered, and the gardens, recently looking so flourishing, are now quite barren and parched up.

Our storekeepers have changed their prices very much of late, and most articles are now quoted at Dunedin prices—saving always the 4lb loaf, which remains at 1s 6d.

The only breaks in the monotony of this place lately were a foot-race between Mackay, the jockey, and a miner of this place, which the former won easily; and last night we had a concert in aid of the Dunstan Hospital funds, on which occasion Messrs James Grierson, who is going to Cromwell, and Mr John Malvin, the eminent violinist, who is about to return to Scotland, made their farewell bows. In Mr Grierson, we lose, and you gain, an acquisition; for he has been for years past the leader at all concerts and entertainments, and on Sundays always led the choir in the church. We shall indeed miss him very much.

Talking about the church, we are going to lose our ministers—the Messrs Rolland, who for a year past have, turn about (once a fortnight regularly), preached in our little church. They are going to Great Britain for a year, very much to our regret, so much have they won our regard by their earnest lives and preaching. They bear most deservedly an excellent name in this district, and we shall be glad to welcome them back next Christmas.

The amount of money sent from this district to augment hospital funds during the last month has been, I think, about £25. This amount includes the funds derived from last night's entertainment.

We never hear anything about Local Committees now, and perhaps we get on as well without them.

A Wellington telegram in the Timaru Herald of the 5th inst. states that a man named Billwell has lodged a claim for the Government reward for the discovery of a payable gold-field, he having discovered such on his property at Ngawhanga, five miles from town. He declares he has had the quartz analysed in Melbourne, and it has been found highly remunerative. He says he is willing to produce any day from a hundredweight to a ton of highly auriferous

DUNEDIN.

[From our own Correspondent.]

February 12, 1870.

We have been favoured with a spell of fine weather during the past week. Dust has put in an appearance in the place of mud, and we begin to feel that summer has not yet taken its departure from these coasts.

In the commercial world matters are no brighter. More of the retail houses are evincing their shakiness by calling meetings of creditors, and there is a general rush for money in all quarters. Large establishments are a great mistake now-a-days. In the old digging times Dunedin might have been able to support them, but those days are gone, we fear never to return; and now the larger the store the greater the doubts entertained as to the stability of its occupants.

The gas question is at the present time under consideration. The tenders have been opened, and Mr A. K. Smith's is the lowest. I understand however, that he has neglected to lodge the £500 deposit required; and there are certain little items omitted from his tender.

One of our leading barristers has been bringing an action for trespass against the Corporation officers. It appears that it is the custom of these functionaries, when they collect the rates, to go armed with distress warrants, to ensure speedy payment, although the rates may not have been previously applied for. Mr Macassey, who had been treated in this way, was so forcibly struck with the novelty and courteousness of the proceeding, that he resolved to test its legality. The verdict, however, was given against him; but his Honour Mr Justice Ward took the opportunity of censuring the Corporation for their mode of action. One would almost be led to surmise, from the prevalence of this practice, that it is not only private individuals and firms who are "hard up" at the present time.

The Gold-fields Wardens' Conference has made some important alterations in and additions to the hitherto existing regulations for the Otago Gold-fields. Considerable advantages are secured to the discoverers of new lodes; the water regulations are placed on a better footing; and discretionary power is now given to the Wardens on several important points.

The Warrior Queen has arrived, after a passage of 95 days from anchorage to anchorage, or 83 days from land to land. Besides her human freight, she brought a consignment of passengers of another class for the Acclimatisation Society—consisting of between 300 and 400 English birds, and one hare. I hear that hares are now beginning to increase and multiply in this country, much to the disgust of farmers, who are praying for the time when powder and shot will be allowed to work havoc amongst them.

Some rather peculiar works are about to be started at Kakanui Harbour, near Oamaru, in order to supersede the use of surf-boats in the loading of vessels. The plan is novel and ingenious;—a fair trial will alone prove whether it is practicable. Two wire ropes are proposed to be stretched from a considerable elevation on a neighbouring cliff to an anchorage in the bay, beyond the reach of the surf. Beneath these ropes will be placed a pair of shear-legs, which will be held in position by the ropes and anchor; and beneath the apex of these shear-legs, and attached to them, a loading-stage is to be erected. To the wire rope a system of pulleys and travellers is to be connected. The grain, or other cargo, being swung to one of these pulleys, will be carried down to the stage by its own weight, and at the same time draw back the unloaded traveller. The vessel to be loaded is moored near to the stage, and when the grain reaches the stage it is to be placed in a telescope "shoot," through which it will slide down on to the deck of the craft. The importance of this invention, should it prove as sound in practice as it appears to be in theory, cannot well be over-estimated.

The Dunedin papers have been warmly discussing Mr Hulke's proposal to effect a separation from the mother country. It is justly censured on all sides. For my own part, I can only look on his draft memorial as being a kind of political curiosity which should be carefully preserved for the edification of politicians yet unborn. The memorial runs, "That whereas the Imperial Government having thought fit to withdraw its troops from this Colony, the memorialists are of opinion that in future the Governor's salary ought to be defrayed out of the Imperial instead of the Colonial Exchequer, and that therefore the Legislature should refuse to pass the item of the Governor's salary;" or, in other words, the sapient memorialists want to have nothing to do with either the British Government or a British Governor. At this point we presume that the opinions of those worthy savans diverge, and, as regards future Government, point in every direction between despotic monarchy and anarchy itself. It is some comfort to know that the still loyal-hearted people of New Zealand are likely to treat the originator of this scheme, the memorial itself, and the memorialists, with some portion of that contempt which they so justly deserve.

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Gout, Rheumatism, Enlargements, and Stiff Joints.

A cure of these complaints is within the reach of the most humble, by fomenting the affected part with warm salt and water, and rubbing in Holloway's Ointment twice a day. Thousands have been cured who looked upon Gout and Rheumatism as incurable. The same treatment should be employed for the dispersion of chalk stones, and all painful enlargements or stiffness of the joints; in such cases the Pills should be taken according to the printed directions.

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This fearful disease often makes its appearance between the ages of forty and fifty, and might generally be prevented by attending regularly to the proper action of the liver and stomach: these organs, at this time of life, have a great tendency to derangement, when asthma, dropsy, or disease of the heart often sets in. The blood requires frequent elimination, which no other medicines can so effectually perform as these purifying Pills, as they purge gently, and act immediately upon the liver and stomach, and thus remove all obstructions, which at the turning point of life always occur. This dangerous period should be closely watched; two doses a week of about six Pills will ward off all dangerous diseases. But in all cases of dropsy the Ointment is a wonderful and sovereign remedy, and must be effectually rubbed twice a day into the suffering parts.

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How many poor women suffer from the indiscretion of husbands—which results in bad legs, swellings, loss of health, and rheumatism—as they suppose, although it is nothing of the kind, but the effect of a certain disease taking hold of the system; no ordinary medicine can cure them, because the disease has sunk deeply into their constitution. Children often have sores and bad heads which do not heal, for the reason that contamination occurred before their birth. Let all who may suffer from such causes have recourse to the purifying and healing properties of these wonderful Ointment and Pills, observing carefully what is said in the book of directions on Secondary Symptoms, which, if strictly followed, will effect any cure of the kind, but it will be a work of a little time.

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CROMWELL ARGUS.

NEWSPAPER AND GENERAL

Australian News.

We understand that the long-promised temperance tale, "Emily Graham, or the Dawning of Light," written by a Ballarat authoress, is now passing through the press, and will shortly appear. The new book will be of crown octavo size, and comprise some 400 pages.—*Star*.

A very melancholy event is recorded by the *Bendigo Advertiser*. On the 10th ult. some boys were bathing in the dam of the Telegraph Company, when one of them sank in deep water. The father of the lad, hearing of the occurrence, rushed frantically to the dam, and dived in search of the body. He succeeded in bringing it to the bank, but was almost exhausted. The boy was found to be quite dead, and the poor father himself, on being taken home, died soon afterwards.

The *Rockhampton Argus* records that a man in the employment of Capt. Hunter, named James Bohan, while exploring on the beach north of Emu-park, came upon a natural curiosity in the shape of a pure spring of fresh water bubbling up through a rock in the sea. Bohan, accompanied by two black boys from Rockhampton, went round the hill and got on the beach. On approaching the cliff side of the bald hill they were surrounded by a mob of about fifty or sixty blacks, armed with spears and nulla-nullas. Bohan carried a gun, but did not wish to show fight. The blacks took his belt and a bottle of ginger-beer, which was stiffened with two or three glasses of gin. They would not drink out of the bottle until they saw Bohan take a pull; they emptied it quickly then, one of them remarking—"You greedy white fellow." They then, to make some return for the gin, took Bohan to a rock out in the sea, about 15 ft high. From near the top of this a clear stream of water trickled to a well at its foot. They filled a pannikin. Bohan drank until he was nearly sick—such water he hadn't tasted since he left the old country. The rock is covered at high water. The blacks were hid in the cliff, and had quite a comfortable little hut there.

The challenge of Harris, the champion of Australia, to run the world for £100 at each of the following distances, viz., 100 yards, 500 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards, and 450 yards—or £500 in all—has been accepted by Frank Hewitt, the champion runner of England. The races will take place on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, on Saturday and Monday, the 5th and 7th March.

Rather strange relics are sometimes found in the sweepings out of country tap-rooms (says the *Ballarat Star*), as witness the following:—A gentleman whom we met yesterday, and whose story is trustworthy, stated that he had been shown by the landlord of a country hotel the tip of a man's finger, with the nail attached, just as it had been bitten off on the previous evening, by a person with whom he had been fighting. It seemed that there had been a great fight, in the course of which the brutality we have named was perpetrated, but that immediately after the occurrence no one could find the tip of the injured finger. The landlord had discovered it after all the rest had been unsuccessful, and was keeping it to send to the owner.

A case which is probably unique in police court records, came before the city magistrates of Launceston on the 15th ult. Mrs. Coventry, the defendant, and Mrs. McCarthy, the plaintiff, were mother and daughter, and the dispute which they came before the court to settle was as to which of them was the mother of a child confessedly illegitimate. It might be presumed that one tried to shift the maternity upon the other. But no: the mother said it was hers by a man named Anderson; and the daughter said it was hers by a man named Sams. The child was born in Launceston, and is now seven years old. The facts relating to the case are most extraordinary. After a somewhat prolonged investigation, the bench concluded they had no jurisdiction. The plaintiff was advised to make application to the Supreme Court.

The *Maneroo Mercury* relates that a servant girl was caught eavesdropping in a small apartment adjoining the lodge-room during a late meeting of the Freemasons of Cooma. The brethren have resolved that she shall be made a Mason.

Young Austin, the ten-mile champion of Australia, has during the year 1869 performed the extraordinary feat of running 47 ten-mile races, one eighteen-mile, one fifteen-mile, and 20 five-mile races. Out of the 47 ten-mile races, 44 were accomplished under the hour, the quickest being run in 57 min. 5 sec. The fifteen-mile race was run on the Wagga Wagga race course in 1 hr. 29 min. 5 sec. The eighteen-mile race, at Orange, was run in 1 hr. 45 min. 14 sec. The quickest five-mile race was run last New Year's Day, in 26 min. 14 sec. The distance altogether run in 1869 is 605 miles, and the time occupied was 59 hrs. 47 min. In the Sydney papers a challenge appears from Austin to run Bird, the champion English runner, who is now in Melbourne, a race of ten miles, or twenty-five miles, for £100 to £200.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

New Zealand Flax.

(From the Southern Cross.)

A flax bush properly treated will yield two crops a year, or, in other words, every acre of ground will produce fifteen tons of green flax—about two tons of fibre. This, sold at the low price of £20 per ton, gives £40 per acre, or £40,000 from 1000 acres. Flax, like every other article of commerce, commands a price according to quality—inferior grades being about £20 per ton, a better quality from £30 to £40, while extra fine is worth £50 per ton. At the latter figure, 1000 acres of flax bush would produce £100,000 per annum. It cannot be expected, however, that the entire product of an estate will be extra fine. A fair way of arriving at the aggregate yield would be to divide the gross amount into first, second, and third classes, and accept £40 as the mean price, which would give £80,000 a year. The following is an estimate of the cost of preparing and putting into the market four tons:—Depreciation of machinery, 12s; eight men's wages, at 25s per week, £10; one man at engine, 35s; twelve lads, at 12s, £7 4s; 24 tons of green flax, at 15s, £18; packing, baling, &c., £4; 2 tons 8 cwt of coal, at 20s, £2 8s; freight and sundry other expenses, say £8: making a total of £51 19s for four tons, or £12 19s 9d for one ton. Deducting this sum from £40, the mean price of the fibre, we have £27 0s 3d left as a nett profit per ton, or £54,050 on the 2000 tons of fibre taken from 1000 acres of land. The estimated cost of machinery is: An eight-horse engine (with Cornish boilers), £200; four machines at £22, £84; scutching hooks, £15; one screw press, £12; building, £185: making the total cost of a mill £500. All this refers to the manufacture of indigenous flax, with the present rude appliances and comparatively unskilled workmen. Were it, like many other branches of industry, reduced to a science, the estates cleared off, the best quality of flax planted and properly cultivated, gathered carefully, and manufactured with a view of producing the finest and whitest fibre, the profits per annum would be very largely increased.

Death by Hanging.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* has discussed with painful minuteness the whole physiology of hanging. As practised in England, it is undoubtedly a method of killing which causes great sufferings. There is no greater mistake than the general opinion of a community that a criminal who is hanged suffers little if any pain: that dislocation of the neck is insured, and that thereupon sensation is at an end almost immediately. On the contrary, we learn that of the hundreds of prisoners executed at Newgate and elsewhere during the last twenty years, not more than two or three have had their necks dislocated. The others have been choked, or killed in a manner which would be forbidden in a slaughter house—a manner involving protracted agony and terrible suffering. It has been necessary to conceal this fact from the public. To their eyes, all executions seem alike. The culprit is "launched into eternity" mute and motionless. This, it seems, is because (since one miserable wretch got his feet on the scaffold after the drop had fallen) an ingenious and elaborate adjustment of leather straps was devised to prevent such ghastly accidents in future. If (says the *Gazette*) those whose duty has compelled them to stand near the gallows on the occasion of many executions told us truthfully what really happens, we believe they would give us the following account:—"When the drop falls the culprit struggles violently for about three-quarters of a minute, his head then drops on one side, he becomes insensible, and the reporters say he is 'launched into eternity.'" Reporters are, however (continues the *Gazette*), liable to error, and never more so than on these terrible occasions when the account of the closing scene is generally written beforehand. Though the man is motionless, the end is not come yet. The culprit, reviving from his faint, returns again to time from eternity, and the violent heaving of his chest shews the fearful nature of a second struggle, which would be evident to all but for the happy thought of the straps. This second agony varies in duration very much, but its average duration is about two minutes, measured by our time.—Men have been hanged, have recovered, and have told of their sensations. Such a case is that of John Smith, who was hanged at Tyburn in 1706. The body had swung fifteen minutes, when a reprieve came. He was then cut down and bled, and shortly after revived. He thus described his feelings: When turned off he was for some time sensible of very great pain occasioned by the weight of his body, and felt his spirits in a strange commotion, violently pressing upwards: that, having forced their way to his head, he, as it were, saw a great blaze or glaring light, which seemed to go out at once with a flash, and then he lost all sense of pain. Then, after he was cut down and began to come to himself, the blood and spirits, forcing themselves into their former channels, put him, by a sort of pricking or shooting, to such intolerable pain that he could have wished those hanged who had cut him down.

The Western World.

The completion of the railroad across America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, makes Americans calculate on a number of travellers to visit the wonders of that which is still the new world. One of the grandest sights on the Pacific side is declared to be the valley of the Yosemite, in the Sierra range, about 250 miles east of San Francisco. The first time a white man ever entered it was in 1848, and even now the journey is "somewhat hard." The way from San Francisco is by way of Stockton, a town 110 miles due east, and this part of the journey is done by river steamers, the next hundred miles by stages, and the last forty-three by saddle horses, which in two days (the riders camping in the woods for the night) bring the travellers to Inspiration Point, where the whole magnificence of the Yosemite bursts upon the view. The valley is ten miles long and three wide. Its sides are granite walls, from 2000 ft to 4500 ft high. Great domes and pyramids rise above the deep hollow, at the bottom of which is a little lake and stream. A small river, 70 ft wide, tumbles over on one side of the immense height, coming down in three falls, the first of them 1300 ft. In the valley are nooks and bits of scenery of rare beauty, contrasting almost strangely with the solemn grandeur of the surrounding walls and peaks. The spot is more than a place for summer resort—it is one of the wonders of creation. It is boasted that no one ever made the trip and returned disappointed. At Stockton the tourist may turn aside, and a ride of 72 miles will bring him to the Calaveras grove of big trees. There are 92 trees, ranging in height from 150 to 327 feet, and from ten to 30 feet in diameter. Their age is supposed to be from 1200 to 2300 years. There is another grove, only six miles from Mariposa, on the Yosemite route, containing 427 trees, the largest 34 ft in diameter. The Geysers are another wonder of California. They are about 60 miles north of San Francisco. Hundreds of springs of all kinds, colours, and temperatures are to be seen, with immense deposits of sulphur, alum, magnesia, epsom salts, and other minerals. The puffing and roaring of the steam which issues from every crevice in the rocks, and rushes with great violence from "Steamboat Springs," the dashing and surging of black boiling water in the unfathomable depths of the "Witches' Cauldron," and the sulphurous fumes which fill the air, produce an indescribable effect on the beholder.

Matrimonial Advances.

The Rev. Dr. Bushnell, in his new book, *The Reform against Nature*, writes on this subject as follows:—

"There is one matter where a genuine reform would accomplish more for women, as I verily believe, and take them out of the corner that now pinches them a great deal more certainly than to give them the right of suffrage and of civil office; having also the further advantage that it would give them a more open way to the proper woman's life, for which they are better made, instead of taking them off into quasi battles with men for points of precedence and prerogatives of government which do not belong to them and never can. I speak here of a reform that takes off or somehow loosens the embargo on women, as respects advances towards marriage. The assumption now is, that women must first be lassoed and taken, courted long and skilfully then, and almost to the death, before they can venture an approving look. If they cannot be conquered then, they must not be had, and they must take this ground themselves. On one side there must be a close fence of prudery, hard as possible to get over; and on the other, the man who will try, must go to it bravely, which, alas for modesty, is likely to be quite impossible. Full three quarters of the men who get stuck in their bachelor life, and are never married, are, in fact, the most inborn adorers of women; such as never in their life can muster courage for any advance, just because the shrine they look upon has too much divinity in it for their mortal approach. Of course it will not do for women to put themselves in a way of being suitors to men. That kind of suitorship would even be an offence, and raise a scene of repulsion; nobody would recommend to women that they get over their modesty; but the almost cholic stringency of what are called good manners in this matter might be relaxed, and with great advantage. The present iron-clad modesty, which is simply ridiculous in either party, might be so far mitigated as to let feeling feel its way, and carry on its own courtship, requiring no restriction save the restriction of the words and formal advances, and allowing nature to interpret and work out their problem hampered by no unnatural coyness. Women cannot be forward and bold, but they are now a great way further off than they need be.

Fanny Fern says—"If one half the girls knew the previous lives of the men they marry, the list of old maids would be wonderfully increased." Whereupon the *Boston Post* asks, "If the men knew what their future lives were to be, would it not increase the list of old maids still further?"

An Extraordinary Story.

The *Era*, commenting on the death of Mrs. Charles Mathews (the mother of the now living distinguished comedian, and the widow of an eminent actor who departed this life thirty-four years ago), tells this strange story as to the courtship and marriage of the deceased lady. The first wife of Mr. Charles Mathews senior was Miss Strong, the daughter of a physician at Exeter. In 1801 she exhibited symptoms of a decline. One evening towards the close of her brief life, Mrs. Mathews sent her husband to request that Miss Jackson would visit her on the following day. When the young actress arrived Mrs. Mathews, propped up in bed, maintained a lively conversation until her husband came in. Avowing her conviction that no human skill could prolong her life, she adverted to her affection for Miss Jackson, and to that young lady's unprotected state; and then, taking her hand, and that of Mr. Mathews, and pressing both to her own feverish lips in a solemn manner, conjured them to take compassion upon her anxiety, and pledge themselves to become man and wife after her death. Mr. Mathews reproved his wife with some impetuosity for placing him in such a dilemma, and Miss Jackson, throwing herself upon her knees, besought the pardon of the dying woman for her refusal to comply, representing the impossibility of her affiancing herself to a man for whom she entertained no warmer feeling than that of friendship. She then quitted the chamber, followed by Mr. Mathews, who implored her not to harbour a suspicion that he had been aware of his wife's intentions. In the May following, Mrs. Mathews' illness terminated in death. For some time after that event, a natural degree of distance was observed between the widower and Miss Jackson. By degrees, however, the mutual coolness wore off, and a feeling of regard was growing up between them, when a circumstance occurred still more remarkable than the dying woman's appeal. Mr. Mathews' account of his impression was as follows:—"He had gone to rest after a very late night's performance at the theatre, finding himself too fatigued to sit up to his usual hour to read; but after he was in bed, he discovered that to close his eyes was an impossibility. He had no light, nor the means of getting one, all the family being in bed, but the night was not absolutely dark, it was only too dark for the purpose of reading; indeed, every object was visible. Suddenly a slight rustling, as if of a hasty approach of something, induced him to turn his head to that side of the bed whence the noise seemed to proceed, and there he clearly beheld the figure of his wife, in her habit, as she lived, who, smiling sweetly upon him, put forth her hand to take his, as she bent forward. This was all he could relate, for in shrinking from the contact with the figure he beheld, he threw himself out of bed upon the floor, where the fall having alarmed the house, his landlord found him in a fit. On his recovery he related the cause of the accident, and the whole of the following day he remained extremely ill, and was unable to quit his room." The remarkable fact is that at the exact hour at which Mr. Mathews was thus affected, a vision of the same kind occurred to Miss Jackson. "The same sleepless effect," she says, "the same cause of terror, had occasioned me to seize hold of the bell-rope in order to summon the people of the house, which giving way at the moment, I fell with it in my hand upon the ground." After such a sympathy between the widower and the friend of the departed wife, it was not surprising that the dying request should be fulfilled. On the 28th of March, 1863, Miss Jackson became Mrs. Mathews.

A Steam Car for Juggernaut.

Religious duties are already to some extent performed by steam, and we may look to see still further application of steam power in the same direction. Singularly enough, it is the religious conservatism of the old world, and not the progress in faith of the new, which has made use of the steam-engine. Mohammedanism permits its devotees to lighten their pilgrimages by availing themselves of the steamships and railways of the infidels. The caravan which used to cross the desert from Egypt to Mecca is practically obsolete, and pilgrims now purchase third class return tickets over the Suez railways and the Red Sea steam ship line. The Hindoo follower of Brahma is not behind his Mohammedan fellow-pilgrim in his willingness to accomplish his ignorance by steam; and, yearly, many thousands of devout Hindoos are whirled over the Indian railways to Benares, or towards the sacred source to the Ganges. But the most extraordinary instance of the combination and devotion has just been proposed. It is no less startling a proposition than that of mounting the car of Juggernaut on a series of railway trucks, and so permitting the locomotive to drag the sacred car, to the great relief of the arms of the faithful. The advantage of such a plan is obvious. The car would be dragged further, faster, and easier than it is at present, and the worshippers who desire to throw themselves under the wheel could do so with the certainty of a neat and satisfactory death. The locomotive may yet revive the waning popularity of Juggernaut.

An Eccentricity.

The late elder John Smith, of Kentucky, who died recently at an advanced age, was one of the most eccentric wits south of the Ohio River. He was familiarly known throughout Kentucky and the West by the sobriquet of "Raccoon Smith." While attending one of the meetings of the Baptists, a tall, lank, green specimen of humanity presented himself before the association to grant him the necessary license. In addition to his stupidity, young Weeks was the possessor of as ugly a pair of feet as ever trod shoe-leather. Tired of his importunities, and not being disposed to grant the license, the association handed him over to Mr. Smith with instructions to make an end to the case; and between them took place the following conversation:—Smith: "So, Brother Weeks, you think you have a special call to preach?" Weeks: "Yes—the Lord has called me to the work." Smith: "Do you believe the Bible, Brother Weeks?" Weeks: "Certainly I do—every word of it." Smith: "Well, if I can prove by the Bible that you are not called on to preach will you be satisfied to drop the matter?" Brother Weeks assented to this, and, "Raccoon Smith" deliberately opened the New Testament at Romans x. 15, and in a grave tone read: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace," &c.; then glancing at Weeks' feet remarked: "You see, Brother Weeks, that the feet of the preachers are beautiful; you, Sir, have the most monstrous ugly feet of any man in the State in Kentucky; therefore by the Bible it is clear that you have not been specially called." As Smith finished his remarks the entire association went off into a paroxysm of laughter, and Weeks really concluding that he had not been "called," bolted from the meeting-house, and never afterwards annoyed the association for a license.

Beecher's Advice to Young Doctors.

Henry Ward Beecher gives young doctors the following advice:—"It is nature that cures. The less a doctor does the better for his patient. It is the doctor's business to take the credit of what nature does. Cultivate a look of mystery. Every mother of a sick child studies the doctor's face. Come in softly, but with the air of a mild conqueror. Look piercingly at the patient. Then look from one to another of the persons present. Say to the nurse, in a low tone, 'I think you have a right view of the case,' and before you leave say to the mother, 'I could not have done more for the case myself than you have done.' If the child gets well, as it will, nine times in ten, if you let it alone, you will have the credit in that family of extraordinary skill. If it dies, it will only bring out the moral view, 'We must all die. When one's time comes no skill can cure,' etc. But if you really mean to try the medicine, you must choose your school. If you are to be an allopathic, you need but three things: opium, calomel, and antimony. Anything that cannot be reached by them ought not to be cured. With these three swords you can slay all diseases, or all the patients; and in either case there is an end of suffering. If you select the homoeopathic treatment, you have only to buy a manual and a box—about as large as a cigar box—of pills or tinctures. After a little time, you can put pill to system as rapidly as the post-office clerk can distribute the names and boxes. If silence and mystery are not your forte, you may have equal success by judicious talking. Many people can be talked out of anything. If laudatory words do not abate symptoms, they may increase reputation. The patient may die, but, if those that still live think that you are the most knowing doctor that ever they met (and it is your fault if they do not), then you are sure of being called again. Always have an eye to the future. Whoever dies, see that the living like you. Dead men furnish no practice."

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